

FROM BROTHER HOPKINS.

After a long silence we come and knock again for admittance to tell you we have not been sleeping. While our pen has been silent we have been busily engaged in our regular routine work. The illness of our side companion since last February has given me a good deal of the domestic duties of the house to perform and only the house wife and those who have had experience in this line can know the worry and perplexities of the duties our wives undergo. This, with our other work pressing us, we assign as reasons. But thanks to the giver of all good, she is getting better, and we hope ere long she will be in good health.

When last reported in the columns of EVANGELIST we were at New Enterprise, Ind. We preached twelve sermons there and were then called home on account of wife's sickness. The immediate result of those meetings was two by confession and baptism. We left with a deep interest, and we think a bright prospect for a good ingathering could we have remained longer. Our work is moving along fairly well all along the line. The class at Tiosa is moving along in that quiet and even way that marks success, gaining slowly and holding what they get. At New Highland we can say fairly well. At Burns' Chapel one accession by confession and baptism. At Claypool five by letter, one by confession and baptism, with one other young sister yet to baptize. So we say praise his holy name for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Now, dear brethren, if you will excuse me for this long delay we will do better in the future. Fellow ministers, are not some of us becoming a little careless about reporting our work? It gives strength to the general brotherhood if it is only one soul. The ranks of sin have been weakened and one more soldier added to the army of the Lord. Our cause is right and must prevail. Two weeks ago we had the pleasure of attending the Sunday-school picnic at New Enterprise, and glad to say it was a day of rejoicing with all present. The most noted feature of the day was a large crowd, estimated between four and five thousand, and good singing by all schools present. And last but not least a good representation of Brethren ministers. Among the speakers of the day were our much esteemed brethren W. C. Perry, C. F. Yoder and sister Ettie Tombaugh and your humble servant. Our prayers are going up for the success of our National Conference at Warsaw. God bless our beloved brotherhood.

Yours Fraternally,

D. A. HOPKINS.

FROM SALEM, OREGON.

Brother William Pullen of Paradise, Oregon came to our place Monday, Aug. 10. Stayed with us a week, and while he was with us we had some meetings in the school house at Fruitland where brother B. R. Gerhart lives. Brother Pullen preached two real good sermons. One on Friday and one on Saturday evening, and on Sunday evening we had a love feast. Although few in number it was an enjoyable occasion. The house was well filled with spectators. Brother Pullen is a very fast talker and he speaks with earnestness and sings with considerable power. He is making a tour of Oregon this Summer with team and wagon having his wife and three children with him. Of this tour he likely will give an account through the EVANGELIST when he gets home. It is too bad that our forces are so scattered, for I think we could do more good if we could get together often. Brother Gerhart preaches at our school house once a month.

J. B. PARTCH.

WESTERN ECHOES.

On Saturday, August 22, we boarded the train for Pleasant View church, Neosho Co. Arrangements had been made for two services on August 23, morning and evening. Sunday morning dawned pleasantly upon us and we had a fair attendance on a very short notice. We improved the occasion by the use of the text, found in *Acts 26:28*. "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Theme: "What is a Christian?" After discussing the various points evolved, an invitation was extended, inviting to come by letter or confession. A young woman presented a letter from the Congregational church, recommending her to the care of the Brethren church which was unanimously accepted. She further requested baptism by the triune immersion—which was attended to straitway. In the evening consecration services were held, and the sister was received into full fellowship in the usual way. The evening service was largely attended and all seemed to enjoy this religious season.

Services were announced at the close of the evening meeting, for Brother Hannan, of Molnie, Ill. for the 1st Sunday of September, morning and evening. Brother Hannan is making the visit with a view of locating with the Brethren in Neosho Co., Kan.

We sincerely hope it may be affected, for a resident pastor is much needed among the brethren at this place. Brother Hannan will be warmly received by the members of the community, and we pray

that his visit may be pleasant, and that all may be arranged for his locating among them.

A. J. HIXSON.

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NOTICE TO DELEGATES TO PENNA. STATE CONVENTION.

We are having difficulty in arranging for reduced R. R. rates to W. Salisbury, Sept. 17, to 20, in time for advertisement. The rates, however, will no doubt be secured, and a notice will be sent specially to each pastor, who will advise his people.

Should pastors fail to receive notice in time let delegates buy regular tickets and have their local R. R. agents receipt for them, so as to secure rebate.

Purchase tickets to *West Salisbury, Pa.*, (B. & O. R. R.)

J. C. MACKEY.

Meyersdale, Pa., Sept. 5, 1896.

LOVE FEAST NOTICE.

There will be a Love Feast held in the city of Parsons, La Betle Co., Kan., in the U. B. Church on corner of 24th St., on Saturday evening of Sept. 26, commencing at 6:30. Will the ministering brethren of the Kanemorado district take notice and some of you at least be with us. The usual invitation to all the brethren and sisters is cordially extended and we pledge you a hearty welcome. By order of the church.

GEORGE BERRY, Clerk.

FROM FAIR HAVEN CHURCH.

Our business meeting on the 22nd passed off in good order. All business disposed of in a satisfactory manner. The Brethren decided to hold our communion meeting on Saturday evening, Sept. 19th, services to be begin at 6 o'clock. It was also decided without any visible opposition to retain their old pastor. With the assistance of Elder P. J. Brown and others, we propose to continue the work at Fair Haven. Pray for us, that we may be successful in keeping the church together, and carry on an aggressive warfare for God and his cause.

WM. KIEFER.

Pleasant Home, O.

NOTICE.

To the Brethren in Pennsylvania:—I have sent blank credentials to all the ministers whose names appear in the Annual, and also those who have written to me. If any have not received them or not as many as you need, let me know by postal card and I will fill your orders. Please make out your postal reports for the year so we can have a full report of the year. Let us all pray God to bless the Convention, and let us all try to make this the best Convention we have ever held.

M. C. MYERS, Secretary.

Mt. Pleasant, Pa.